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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE CONFERENCE (RIO TREATY)

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH FS INSPECTORS CAMPBELL AND MORIN AND ME JUNE 24, FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO SAID THAT ON BASIS LIMITED CONSULTATIONS HE FELT REASONABLY SURE THAT AMENDMENT OF RIO TREATY ARTICLE 17 WOULD BE APPROVED, EVEN BY COUNTRIES WHICH WERE NOT IN FAVOR OF ACTUALLY LIFTING SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA. FACIO SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO URUGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS, WHO IS VERY INFORMED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON, AND WHO HAD ASSURED HIM THAT EVEN URUGUAY WOULD SUPPORT AMENDMENT OF TREATY. FACIO SAID HE EXPECTED THAT PARAGUAY MIGHT OPPOSE AND THERE WAS STILL SOME DOUBT AS TO WHAT POSITION GUATEMALA WOULD TAKE.

2. FACIO REGRETTED THAT DUE TO PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS AND
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HIS ABSENCE FROM SAN JOSE DURING LAST TEN DAYS, HE HAD NOT BEEN

ABLE TO GIVE ENOUGH TIME AND THOUGHT TO CONSULTATIONS REGARDING RESOLUTION TO BE PROPOSED IN ORGAN OF CONSULTATION ONCE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT APPROVED. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH "FREEDOM OF ACTION" FORMULA AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOW ATTEMPT TO DRAW UP A DRAFT RESOLUTION AND BEGIN CONSULTATIONS. FACIO WAS PLEASED TO LEARN OF LIEVANO'S SUPPORT FOR THAT APPROACH AND SIAD HE WOULD CONTACT HIM.

3. REGARDING CHILEAN POSITION (STATE 139918), FACIO CONSIDERED THIS PRIMARILY DIVERIONARY TACTIC WHICH WOULD NOT GET VERY FAR OR HAVE ANY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

4. ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT SAN JOSE MEETING, FACIO EXPRESSED STRONG PERSONAL OPPOSITION AND SAID THAT HE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT ISSUE INVITATION TO CUBANS. HOWEVER, FACIO THOUGHT THAT, LEGALLY, SINCE SAN JOSE MEETING IS NOT AN OAS MEETING BUT RATHER ONE TO AMEND A TREATY OF WHICH CUBA IS A SIGNATORY, PRESUMABLY CUBA WOULD BE FREE TO ATTEND WITHOUT AN INVITATION. HE DID NOT EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT CUBA WOULD HAVE ANY INTEREST IN ATTENDING. FACIO CONSIDERED THAT THE "PANAMANIAN" PROPOSAL PROBABLY IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PERSONAL INITIATIVE OR IDEA OF AMBASSADOR PITY AND STATED THAT COSTA RICA HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY PANAMA. HE SAID THAT THE PERUVIANS ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING CUBA ATTEND, BUT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL GO FAR.

5. FACIO NOTED THAT THE SELA MEETING IN PANAMA, WHICH CUBA IS PLANNING TO ATTEND, IS NOT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN UNTIL JULY 31, WHICH IS AFTER SAN JOSE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE CONCLUDED. IN ANY CASE, HE THOUGHT THAT CUBAN ATTENDANCE AT THE SELA MEETING WOULD HAVE NO PARTICULAR IMPLICATIONS FOR WHAT ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN REGARDING CUBA AT SAN JOSE.

6. SPEAKING FURTHER ABOUT CUBANS, FACIO SAID COSTA RICAN LEFTIST STUDENTS HAD INVITED RAUL ROA TO GIVE A LECTURE IN COSTA RICA. FACIO HAD WARNED THE STUDENTS THAT IN THE HIGHLY UNLIKELY EVENT THAT ROA ACCEPTED, THEN THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD REFUSE TO GIVE HIM A VISA.

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